

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 0014 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

**[0014]** In general, a damping device used as a component of suspension system 10 has opposite portions moveable in opposite directions toward and away from each other and is configured to dampen movement of those opposite portions in a direction toward or away from one another. The damping device 12 has a first portion 18 with an upper mount structure 20 and a second portion 22 with a lower mount structure 24. In damping device 12, the upper mount structure 20 is provided at the upper end of the first portion 18 and the lower mount structure 24 is provided at the lower end of the second portion 22. In other embodiments of suspension system 10, the upper and lower mount structures 20, ~~24~~ need not be provided at respective ends of the damping device. Instead, the mount structures 20, ~~24~~ could be disposed at any point along the first and second portions 18, 22, respectively, of the damping device 12, as appropriate to connect to the other components of suspension system 10.